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1. Dominicans for Justice and Peace: Order of Preachers

Special, 2002

Introduction

Dominicans for Justice and Peace: Order of Preachers is a faith-based organization founded in 1215. Historically active in the development of international public law and human rights, Dominicans (religious and lay persons, women and men) run several academic institutions and health and social structures on five continents. Serving in religious and civilian institutions, its members are involved in a large range of activities, including education, health and assistance to vulnerable persons.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote and facilitate an effective contribution of its members to the activities of the United Nations, especially the promotion and protection of all human rights with a singular emphasis on the right to food, health and education, as well as freedom of religion; minority rights; displaced persons and migrants; and trafficking in human beings, among other issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization held several workshops for brothers and sisters involved in Dominican universities, schools, parishes and community development centres in Manila and Legazpi (Philippines), Bogota, and Yamoussoukro and Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire). During those sessions, the organization conducted various training activities to explain and disseminate information about the activities and mechanisms of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the period 2010-2013, the organization participated in the following events:

- Substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, Geneva, July 2013
- Thirteenth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, 21 May to 4 June 2012
- Thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Working Group on the Right to Development of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, May 2012 and May 2013 World Summit on the Information Society Forum, Geneva, May 2011
- Sixty-fifth session of the World Health Assembly, Geneva, May 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

2. East-West Management Institute

Special, 2010

Introduction

Founded in 1988, the East-West Management Institute is a non-profit organization that works to strengthen democratic societies by bringing together Government, civil society and the private sector to build effective institutions. The Institute works in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute's activities focus on three thematic areas: (a) promoting justice; (b) civic engagement; and (c) economic development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute contributed significantly to the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), particularly in Cambodia, where it developed an implementation guide on law, and conducted four regional workshops on law. Also, the Institute assisted OHCHR in its effort to develop the *Annotated Cambodian Code of Criminal Procedure: Annotations to ECCC and Select International Jurisprudence* that incorporated the rulings of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Finally, in 2011, the Institute was selected by OHCHR Cambodia to become a member of the consultative group on business and human rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In June 2010, the Institute facilitated the participation of the Justice Network, a group of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the universal periodic review of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Institute also supported the engagement of Cambodian NGOs with respect to the universal periodic review of Cambodia. The Institute supported its local partner, the Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee, to organize a full-day universal periodic review consultation with OHCHR Cambodia in April 2013. In June 2013, the Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee made a joint universal periodic review submission to the United Nations, on behalf of 22 NGOs. The Institute participated in a meeting of OHCHR in Geneva in November 2011, and served as a panellist in a workshop on "A human-rights compliant framework for vetting of members of the security and justice sectors".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institute broadly supports all the Millennium Development Goals, particularly Goals 3 and 7, by providing legal education scholarships to rural women and by protecting biodiversity and promoting forest conservation in Cambodia.

3. Health on the Net Foundation

Special, 2002

Introduction

Established in 1996, Health on the Net Foundation promotes and guides the deployment of useful and reliable online health information and its appropriate and efficient use through its code of conduct, entitled HONcode.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Foundation is to promote and provide high-quality online health information to the general public. HONcode is used to provide a multi-stakeholder consensus on standards to provide access to quality health information to the general public.

Significant changes in the organization

The collaboration with the Haute autorité de santé, which selected the Foundation as the official certifying body for all French health websites, ended in July 2013. The Foundation will now have to find other solutions for funding the certification of health websites. One option is a membership-based programme.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation has been instrumental in the creation of information repositories and targeted search engines. The King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Arabic Health Encyclopedia, written in Arabic and targeted towards an Arabic-speaking population, was developed in collaboration with other Saudi partners. The Foundation has also been involved in the European Union-financed Khresmoi project, a specialized search engine that provides high-quality information on health to the public.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation attended a virtual meeting in January 2013 on the "health" Internet domain name, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO). It also attended the WHO meeting on "Consultation on maintaining trust and confidence in the health Internet", in Geneva, in December 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation collaborates with WHO to ensure the efficient use of new communications tools in the health domain in Switzerland, elsewhere in Europe and in Africa. In 2013, the Foundation submitted its application to become an NGO in official relations with WHO. Also, in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean and other partners, the Foundation develops trustworthy Arabic health content with an added text-to-speech feature, providing access to populations who cannot read.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation contributed to Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 through the development and adjustment of theoretical and practical training materials aimed at women and written in French and Arabic. The Foundation also promoted high-quality health information regarding Ebola virus disease and malaria in French African countries, thus contributing to Goal 6. In keeping with Goal 8, the Foundation is heavily involved in collaborating to prevent the unregulated commercial sale of top-level Internet domains, such as ".health". Additionally, the Foundation contributed to that objective by making available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications technologies, in French-speaking African countries.

4. Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development is a regional network of parliamentarians from countries throughout the Americas committed to bringing a rights-based approach to development policies in the region. The organization is a neutral parliamentary forum for the exchange of information and experiences in areas such as reproductive health and rights, family planning, migration, environment, gender equity and equality, women's empowerment and population policies with a rights-based approach.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's activities are based on the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995), the Millennium Development Goals and other international instruments adopted by Governments. The organization's activities focus on the following priority issues: universal health coverage, sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence. The organization holds workshops and dialogues and produces publications and information materials on specific issues to sensitize parliamentarians and policymakers on population and development issues. It also provides direct technical assistance at the request of individual members of parliament.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through technical assistance, the organization provides parliamentarians with information about United Nations processes so that they can be actively engaged and involved in moving the Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 development agenda forward, both nationally and internationally. The organization promotes the involvement of parliamentarians at various United Nations meetings (through their official national delegations), and particularly at sessions of the Commission on Population and Development and the Commission on the Status of Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works closely with United Nations agencies to promote parliamentarians' participation at the international level. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is one of its closest partners, as well as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). It participated in the fifth International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24 and 25 May 2012, which counted 400 participants, including parliamentarians, ministers and civil society leaders from around the world who discussed the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Millennium Development Goals. Following that event, the organization held a number of follow-up meetings at the national level in partnership with local UNFPA offices. In addition, the organization works in partnership with the regional offices in Panama of UN-Women and UNDP.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

5. Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development is a Brussels-based parliamentary network that serves as a platform for cooperation and coordination among all-party groups in parliaments throughout Europe that focus on improving sexual and reproductive health and rights at home and abroad through

national and regional health and foreign aid budgets. The organization now includes 34 parliamentary groups.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization believes that parliamentarians have the opportunity and the responsibility to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equality, which are core elements of human dignity and central to human development. It provides a pan-European framework for parliamentarians to forge consensus and collaborate on resource mobilization strategies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization organized the fifth International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24 and 25 May 2012
- In 2010, 2011 and 2013, the organization held the Group of Eight global parliamentarians summits in conjunction with the Group of Eight presidencies in Canada (2010), France (2011) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2013)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has led parliamentary delegations to the following United Nations meetings:

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, March 2010
- Sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, New York
- Forty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development, New York, April 2011
- High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS of the General Assembly, New York, June 2011
- Forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development, New York, April 2012
- Fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, March 2013
- Sixty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), Geneva, April 2013
- UNDP and ECE regional consultation on the post-2015 development agenda, Istanbul, Turkey, November 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is a member of the International Conference on Population and Development Beyond 2014 Review European Advisory Board, and was invited by UNFPA and UNEP to ensure that parliamentarians participate in such major United Nations gatherings as the Bali Global Youth Forum, held in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2012, the high-level regional population and development review conference for the ECE region, held in Geneva on 1 and 2 July 2013 on the theme "Enabling choices: population priorities in the twenty-first century" and the International Conference on Population and Development Beyond 2014 International Conference on Human Rights, held in Noordwijk, the Netherlands, from 7 to 10 July 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Between 2010 and 2013, the organization and its members tracked more than 400 initiatives to support the cause of the Millennium Development Goals, including:

- More than 100 actions on Government, with a specific focus on family planning, sexual and reproductive health rights and population dynamics
- 56 actions on the overall priorities of official development assistance
- 51 actions on the rights of girls and youth
- 50 actions on the overall achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
- 21 actions on the battle against HIV/AIDS
- 29 actions on gender equality and women's rights

6. International Association for Humanitarian Medicine Brock Chisholm

Special, 2006

Introduction

The International Association for Humanitarian Medicine Brock Chisholm was constituted in 1984 at WHO as the Brock Chisholm Memorial Trust, with the purpose of upholding human rights and the principles of humanitarian medicine and perpetuating the ideals of Dr. Brock Chisholm, the first Director General of WHO. The Association has operative seats in Italy, Switzerland, Argentina, Austria, Benin, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala. Israel, Lebanon, Martinique and other countries that are in the process of development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims pursued by the Association are solely humanitarian, scientific and social. The Association aims to liaise with the authorities and health organizations in industrialized countries to set up departments dedicated to medical, surgical and rehabilitation treatment, free of charge, for patients coming from needy populations

and developing countries; and to cooperate with other humanitarian aid organizations. During environmental disasters, whether natural or man-made, or war, the Association acts on specific requests by local authorities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In the past four years, there has been a growth in medical collaboration with the Association's World Open Hospital, the virtual network of highly specialized departments of hospital centres in industrialized countries organized to assist in the treatment of severe conditions in patients from low- and middle-income countries who cannot be treated in their own countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in sessions of the Human Rights Council and of the World Health Assembly Executive Board of WHO that took place over the period 2010-2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association promotes the mission and humanitarian work of WHO. The organization aims to strengthen the action of the International Federation of Surgical Colleges on essential surgeries in developing countries. Two meetings were held in Geneva and two at the House of Lords (Parliament of the United Kingdom) in London to promote that scientific and humanitarian approach.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association implemented several projects in support of the Millennium Development Goals in Bangladesh, Benin, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, Nigeria and Serbia, including the following:

- In support of Goals 1, 4 and 8, developed an integrated health delivery service for poor populations of urban and rural areas of Bangladesh on the "Dhaka-Mymensingh" route, in order to increase access to primary health-care services for the poorest and to foster the skills and knowledge of local health-care workers
- In support of Goals 1, 4, 5 and 8, helped build houses after the earthquakes in New Zealand and Haiti, and provided food, clothing and other support
- In support of the Goals 1, 4 and 8, organized several missions for monitoring and evaluating the launching of projects for the reduction of infant mortality
- In support of Goals 4 and 5, developed a specialized centre for the reduction of mortality and invalidity caused by burns in children, in Kinshasa

Additional information

The Association, in collaboration with the University of Palermo, has established the Masters of Humanitarian Medicine and Development, an academic course. It has also launched the *Journal of Humanitarian Medicine*, the only specialized journal in the sector that includes information regarding the work of WHO and the United Nations.

7. International Association of Y's Men's Clubs

Special, 2006

Introduction

The International Association of Y's Men's Clubs is a worldwide fellowship of persons of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and with a common loyalty to the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all mankind. The Association is currently based in 67 countries and territories, with almost 30,000 members in approximately 1,600 clubs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the Association are to encourage, promote and foster the organization and maintenance of affiliated clubs throughout the world, to coordinate the activities of all affiliated clubs and to provide training materials and personal leadership development. The objectives of the affiliated clubs are to function primarily as service clubs for YMCA; support other worthy organizations; encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics; keep members informed about and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international matters; cultivate good fellowship; and support the international, area and regional projects of the Association.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association continues to contribute funding to the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for anti-malaria activities. The Federation used part of that funding in the United Republic of Tanzania and Togo in 2013. The Association also funded 37 different development, education and training projects globally through the Time of Fast Global Project Fund.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended 11 of the 12 sessions of the joint NGO briefing series held at the United Nations Office at Geneva and various meetings of the twenty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, also in Geneva, in September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association supported the following Millennium Development Goals:

- Goals 1 and 3, through the Time of Fast Global Project Fund initiative in Ecuador to strengthen the productive skills of 50 women and girls from poor urban neighbourhoods
- Goal 2, by two phases of building development at the Kibera YMCA primary school in Kenya
- Goal 6, by mass distribution campaigns of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets in the United Republic of Tanzania and Togo in 2013 together with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as part of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership. Seven Time of Fast Global Project Fund projects delivered counselling, education and treatment services to persons with HIV/AIDS in India, Viet Nam and Zambia
- Goal 7, by the funding of projects to reduce the carbon emissions of Y's Men International and other carbon emissions. Projects have included the upgrading of lighting and heating systems in YMCA buildings in Australia and Thailand to be more efficient; tree and mangrove planting in India and Malaysia; biogas and solar projects in Thailand and Bangladesh; and Y Green Ambassador training, in partnership with the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs

8. International Center for Research on Women

General, 1998

Introduction

Since 1976, the International Center for Research on Women has worked towards the interconnected goals of building the power and participation of women and ending poverty in the developing world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works with women and entire communities, partnering with other organizations to bring about social change in the following areas: adolescence, HIV/AIDS, nutrition and food security, poverty reduction, reproductive health and population, violence against women and women's rights. The organization has a tremendous depth and breadth of expertise in the design, implementation and evaluation of projects, in the development of evidence and the production of valuable resources and in the conduct of advocacy and capacity-building to empower adolescent girls and to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights across the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has advocated on behalf of global gender equality and health and poverty alleviation issues in connection with the United Nations, Member States and agencies. Specifically, it has provided technical assistance to and partnered on research and events with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN-Women, UNDP and various expert and technical working groups and commissions in an effort to advance the United Nations agenda on those issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women for the last four years, as well as the General Assembly sessions in 2012 and 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization served as the only United States of America-based NGO that served on the steering committee for the International Conference on Population and Development Beyond 2014 Global Youth Forum, held in Bali, Indonesia, in December, 2012. The organization led the expert working group for the forum, identifying, mentoring and training dozens of young leaders from around the world to facilitate in-person and virtual sessions during the event, which brought together more than 800 advocates and programme implementers from every global region. Through its leadership with UNFPA in that effort, the organization helped to formulate the "youth agenda" for the next 20 years.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of Millennium Development Goals 3 and 5, the organization is acting as a civil society leader in calling for robust and comprehensive targets in areas such as child marriage, sexual and reproductive health and rights and property and inheritance rights, and ending gender-based violence.

9. International Chamber of Commerce

General, 1946

Introduction

The International Chamber of Commerce is the voice of world business encompassing over 6.5 million companies, as well as chambers of commerce and business associations in more than 130 countries. The organization expresses business views that support multilateralism as the best way to find effective solutions to global challenges, based on the principles of open markets and rules-based trade and investment. Its activities cover a broad spectrum, from arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution to making the case for open international trade and investment and business self-regulation, as well as for fighting corruption and combating commercial crime.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The long-standing objective of the Chamber since its inception has been to further the development of an open world economy with the firm conviction that international commercial exchanges are conducive to both greater global prosperity and peace among nations. The three main activities of the Chamber are: (a) developing voluntary rules, guidelines and codes; (b) developing global business policy views; and (c) dispute resolution.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Chamber's contributions to the United Nations include, among others:

- The United Nations and the host countries of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Geneva and Tunis, in 2003 and 2005, respectively, requested the Chamber's Commission on the Digital Economy to coordinate business input for the preparations for the Summit and at the Summit itself
- Since 2006, the Chamber has contributed each year to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development
- Various commissions of the Chamber are actively engaged in the work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). The Chamber coordinates with UNCITRAL on issues related to sales law and public/private partnerships and information sharing. The Chamber is also on the Steering Group of the Business for the Rule of Law initiative of the United Nations
- Through the work of the Chamber's Commission on Intellectual Property and Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy initiative, it has worked actively on a broad range of issues with Commission organizations to deal with various aspects of the growing problem of counterfeiting, piracy and the lack of respect for intellectual property rights, as well as of the infringements of those rights
- The Chamber has increasingly collaborated with the United Nations Global Compact, including through its active participation in the work of the Group of 20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, the organization of the business activities during the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Istanbul, Turkey, in May 2013, and during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, in June 2012
- Finally, the Chamber coordinates the work of the Global Business Alliance for Post-2015

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Chamber actively participated in meetings and initiatives regarding the least developed countries, financing for development, the

Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, the post-2015 agenda, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Chamber works closely with the following: the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNDP, the United Nations Global Compact, UNCTAD, UNCITRAL, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, the International Monetary Fund, WHO and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Chamber's initiatives contributed indirectly to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

10. International Federation of Women Lawyers

Special, 1954

Introduction

The International Federation of Women Lawyers promotes the status of women, children and vulnerable groups internationally, regionally and locally in a variety of ways. Working through its many in-country chapters throughout the world, the Federation provides direct legal services, raises the awareness of legal issues, including of laws and treaties, educates the public at large and advocates for universal ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other international conventions and domestic and local laws.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation protects and advances the status of women as well as gender equality, children's rights and the rights of other vulnerable groups worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, at the Federation's convention in Nigeria, a new President was elected. The Presidency has now shifted from Nigeria to India.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following events:

- Meetings of the Third Committee of the General Assembly, held in New York from 2010 to 2013

- Sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in New York from 2010 to 2013
- Meetings of the high-level segment of the substantive sessions of 2010 and 2012 of the Economic and Social Council, held in New York
- Sessions of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court, held in New York in 2010 and 2011
- Sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in New York, from 2010 to 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, OHCHR, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the organization of events and meetings during the sessions and the implementation of recommendations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of Goal 3, the organization held regional conferences to highlight the work of the United Nations in Abuja in 2012, in London in 2011, 2012 and 2013, in Asia for the Federation's twentieth anniversary, and in Colombia in 2013. Also, the organization implemented a project in Ghana and Nigeria to translate the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women into local languages and simple vocabulary in 2012 and 2010, respectively. In Colombia, it conducted a women's empowerment project to aid women survivors of domestic violence in 2013. In Spain, it worked on advocacy regarding reproductive rights, while in Italy, it worked on issues regarding refugees seeking asylum.

11. International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies

General, 1998

Introduction

The International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies is an international think tank located in New Delhi. The organization works for the common welfare of mankind, mainly by voicing its opinions on the inhumane treatment of people around the world, and disseminates information through a biweekly, bilingual news bulletin, entitled *News from Non-Aligned World*, highlighting issues relating to international relations, human rights, peace, disarmament, social development, the environment, debt with regard to developing countries, international terrorism and the advancement of science and technology.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The activities of the Institute are primarily focused on raising awareness about human rights violations around the world. It works towards that aim through the publication of books, brochures and pamphlets that highlight social issues. The Institute endeavours to interact with an international audience and create awareness,

and also works with policymakers to frame more responsive and integrative policies on those social issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute organized meetings with OHCHR, human rights experts and special rapporteurs, and also organized NGO briefings and seminars on a variety of issues concerning human rights violations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute participated in the thirteenth to twenty-second sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, from 2010 to 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institute's activities support all the Millennium Development Goals. It organized free blood donation camps for poor patients in hospitals; free health check-ups for poor people in the Mewat district in the State of Haryana, India; and awareness campaigns about HIV/AIDS through the distribution of information, education and communications materials. It launched programmes for gender equality and women's empowerment as well as campaigns in rural India to support the right to education, especially for girls. It organized workshops in schools across India on sanitation and hygiene and started a drive called "need of trees" in several schools to promote a healthy, clean and green environment.

12. Internet Society

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Internet Society is a global non-profit organization founded in 1992 to provide leadership in Internet-related standards, development and policy, with the guiding vision that the Internet is for everyone. Backed by more than 65,000 members and supporters, 100 chapters around the world, and more than 145 organization members, the Internet Society achieves change through partnership and expertise in policy, technology and communications. The Internet Society is based in the United States, with regional bureaus in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and North America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Internet Society engages in a wide spectrum of Internet-related issues, including policy, governance, technology and development. It establishes and

promotes principles that are intended to persuade Governments to make decisions that are right for their citizens and each nation's future. Everything the organization does is based on ensuring that a healthy, sustainable Internet is available to everyone today and for the next billion users.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A large part of the Internet Society's work is devoted to harnessing the Internet's potential as a tool for economic and social development, thus contributing to the Economic and Social Council's goals in the domain of information and communications technology for development. Many achievements have been made by the Society in connecting the unconnected in developing countries, as well as in human and technical capacity development. The Society has been an active contributor to the success of the Internet Governance Forum and has also actively contributed to the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, participating in Internet-related working groups and submitting an annual progress report on the implementation of the goals of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Society participated in a side event at the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council on "Internet freedom, security and trust", organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Geneva, held in May 2013. The Society and the International Chamber of Commerce held a briefing session for the Economic and Social Council delegations on the Internet Governance Forum and the World Summit on the Information Society process towards enhanced cooperation, in New York, in July 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Internet Society collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on a study about the "Relationship between local content, Internet development and access prices", in September 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Society's initiatives contributed indirectly to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

13. Japanese Association of International Women's Rights

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Japanese Association of International Women's Rights is a nationwide non-governmental organization in Japan. The organization plays an active and leading role in the popularization and effective implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, thus contributing to promoting de jure and de facto gender equally throughout Japan. In recent years, the organization has made substantial efforts to improve the effectiveness of a network of Japanese NGOs working to effectively implement the Convention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to help advance the status of women through research and the dissemination of the Convention in partnership with other NGOs in Japan. It also aims to contribute to the work of the United Nations in the field of gender equality. It organizes a workshops and meetings on the implementation of the Convention as part of its effort to promote research and advocacy for the realization of gender equality in Japan. In recent years, the organization has intensified its advocacy role, which includes dialogue with government officials and members of parliament.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has been playing a leading role in Japan in monitoring the implementation of the Convention, thus contributing to building a gender-equal society, which is a major aim of the United Nations. It participated in discussions to prepare the National Action Plan of Japan for implementing Security Council resolution 1325 (2000). Also, it is one of the members of the small group considering a draft plan organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. It has also undertaken a number of public information activities with regard to the Convention, including:

- Organizing an annual public forum to publicize the work of United Nations entities dealing with gender equality and the empowerment of women, namely the Commission on the Status of Women
- Organizing workshops on the Convention every year at the National Women's Education Centre of Japan
- Organizing a workshop annually on the Convention in cooperation with a local government body and civil society
- Organizing the annual Ryoko Akamatsu Award, to honour an individual or group from anywhere in the world who has made significant contributions to the promotion of gender equality by way of research, information activities and advocacy with regard to the Convention

- Publishing its annual periodical, *Kokusai josei* (International women), in Japanese that covers the main points of discussion and outcomes of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Third Committee of the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and other major United Nations entities with regard to gender equality. It also published a biannual newsletter from 2010 to 2013, covering news on the work of the United Nations on gender equality and the empowerment of women, among other publications.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-fourth to fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, from 2010 to 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated in the fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 1 to 3 June 2013. It has been involved in activities to support the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, playing a leading role on drafting a proposal for civil society in the field of gender equality and social justice, and participating in a panel organized by the Promotion Committee of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development World Festival Forum.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's initiatives contributed directly to the achievement of Goal 3. It joined forces to lobby for the effective implementation of the Convention to achieve that goal.

14. Leadership Watch

Special, 2006

Introduction

Leadership Watch is a non-governmental organization committed to the promotion of leadership role model and good corporate governance through research, capacity building, leadership development, training, conferences, lectures and awards. The organization was established with the mission to help emerging leaders, build and develop their capacities, thereby engendering role models in all spheres of society for public benefit.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Leadership Watch identified the lack of good quality leadership as one of the greatest challenges to growth and development of African countries. In this sense, the organization is committed to the promotion of democracy, good governance, education and human capital development, through leadership development, leadership lectures, awards, youth empowerment, trade and investment, poverty eradication and community development. Its main aim is to promote responsible leadership in order to eradicate poverty, create awareness on environmental issues,

human rights abuses and inequality among the citizenry. Leadership Watch organizes summits, trainings, workshops, and meetings for the youth drawn from both the secondary schools and universities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's initiatives contributed directly to the achievement of Goal 1, as its main goal is the eradication of poverty. The organization also contributed to other Millennium Development Goals through its support to education, health care provision and campaign for environmental sustainability.